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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Talk America Services, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate as a Competitive Local Exchange and Long Distance Carrier in Those Areas of the State of South Carolina Where the Windstream (WIN) Companies are Currently Authorized and for Approval of the Transfer of Residential Local and Long Distance Customers of the WIN Companies to Talk America Services, LLC
Docket No. 2014-363-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the Application of Talk America Services, LLC and does not oppose the Public Service Commission of South Carolina granting the instant application. ORS respectfully requests that it be permitted to be excused from the hearing in this matter.

By copy of this letter we are serving all parties of record. Thank you for your consideration regarding our request. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Bateman

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